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AMENDMENT

Kindly **amend** the application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 3, insert the following two headings:

A1 sub B1 Background of the Invention

Field of the Invention

On page 1, before the paragraph starting on line 20, insert the following heading:

A2 Description of the Art

On page 2, before the paragraph starting on line 8, insert the following heading:

A3 sub B1 Brief Summary of the Invention

On page 2, before the paragraph starting on line 20, insert the following heading:

A4 Detailed Description of the Invention

In the Claims:

Kindly **amend** the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) An electrical wire or cable having insulation comprising
(i) at least a first layer of a polyolefin-based material comprising at least 20%, by weight (of the whole material composition) of a carbonyl-containing polymer (homopolymer or copolymer or terpolymer), of which the polymer or at least one constituent monomer is a carboxylic acid ester, preferably an acrylate or acetate, especially an alkyl acrylate (e.g. methyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, propyl acrylate or butyl acrylate), the monomer itself constituting at least 5% by weight of the copolymer or terpolymer when used and the remainder of the copolymer or terpolymer preferably being derived from olefinic monomer, preferably ethylene;
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